

BROWN LIKE CZAR, SAYS MacNEILLE

Municipal Court's President Called Publicity Seeker by Subordinate

WOULD TAKE ALL GLORY

Juvenile Judge, Protesting Woman's Appointment, Declares Superior Has Too Much Power

President Judge Brown, of the Municipal Court, has more power in the matter of creating offices and making appointments to offices than any other office holder in the United States, according to a statement issued today by Judge Raymond MacNeille, of the Juvenile Court.

Judge MacNeille declared that a request for creation of eighty-five new jobs recently sent to Council did not come from the Juvenile Court as a body, but from the President Judge alone. Meetings of Judges, he stated, were held so infrequently that none of the Judges except Judge Brown knew what was going on under the surface. In addition, Judge MacNeille accuses Judge Brown of being a publicity and glory seeker.

Judge MacNeille's statement constitutes a new chapter in the controversy between himself and Judge Brown over a plan of the latter to appoint Mrs. Jane Ripplin chief probation officer of the Juvenile Division at a salary of \$5,000. Mrs. Ripplin is now supervising probation officer of the Domestic Relations and Miscellaneous Division, at a salary of \$2,500. Judge MacNeille is combating the proposed appointment on the ground that the post should go to a man instead of a woman. In his statement today Judge MacNeille admits that Judge Brown can remove him from the bench at a moment's notice, but he says that knowledge will not prevent his fighting to the last ditch an attempt of Judge Brown to "run the Juvenile Court."

MacNEILLE'S STATEMENT

His statement follows:

"In no other city in the land has any officeholder as much power to create offices and fill them as the President Judge of the Municipal Court. He can create positions, appoint persons to fill them and force the county to pay their salaries over any objection that may be raised. Not long ago a request for eighty-five jobs was sent to Council as coming from the Municipal Court.

"However, the request does not come from the court, as few of the Judges knew anything about it. So the blame for this does not rest upon the court, but upon the President Judge. We know very little of what is being done. The Judges have very few meetings. We had no meeting from May until last November. The President Judge usually only consists of sitting down at a table and hearing Judge Brown say: 'Gentlemen, there is nothing to report.'

THEN THEY ADJOURN

"Then some one makes a motion to adjourn. Judge Brown craves publicity. He likes to be known as a human interest worker; he wants for himself all of the glory of the Municipal Court. But I will not let him run the Juvenile Court as long as I live there, though it is true he can remove me at a moment's notice. I am opposed, for good reasons, to the appointment of a woman as chief probation officer of the Juvenile Court. This is a man's job, no matter how brilliant the woman may be. A man can get from the boys that come to the Juvenile Court more confidential information than is vital to any woman.

\$400,000 SHAMOKIN FIRE BLAMED ON A SMOKER

Clerk, It Is Believed, Threw Match to Floor—Many Firms Suffer

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 16.—The worst fire in Shamokin's history occurred here last night and early today, resulting in damage amounting to \$400,000, with about \$150,000 insurance. John Thomas, bookkeeper, was burned to death. The fire started in the building of the Shamokin Brick and Tile Co. when a match was thrown to the floor by a clerk. Several firemen were hurt. The losses follow: K. C. McWilliams, business and apartment house, \$125,000; J. A. Perry, house, \$20,000; Clark Brothers, groceries and retail house, \$25,000; Mackey's music establishment, \$25,000; J. W. Maus, wallpaper and paint, \$75,000; Victoria Theatre, L. J. Chamberlain, manager, \$10,000; Curtis Brothers, business house, \$18,000; J. J. Delaney, sewing-machine establishment, \$10,000; Grand Union Tea Company, \$10,000; Edward Steward, private home and furniture, \$16,000; Shamokin Wrapper Factory, Kimber, Fox, proprietor, \$50,000; P. J. Kelly's restaurant, \$4,000. Seventy-five private families, \$50,000; W. C. Mack, hardware, \$16,000.

The fire originated in the collar of the Malarkey store, in the McWilliams building, where, it is thought, a clerk threw a lighted match to the floor after lighting a cigarette. In a short time the brick structure, containing seventy-five families on the second and third floors, was in flames. An air shaft in the center of the building, situated in one of the most prominent business sections of the city, formed a good draft.

A majority of the inmates were in their apartments and panic ensued as they ran to the elevators and staircases to escape the blast. None had time to save household furnishings.

Tries to Sleep With Third Rail

The third rail proved an expensive bed-fellow to John Maloney of Bryn Mawr. Maloney went to sleep beside the third rail of the Philadelphia and Western Railway, and when roused by Owen Miller, remove from the station agent, he showed his gratitude by punching Miller on the nose. Maloney apologized in Magistrate Rockland's court, but was advised against choosing third rails as bedfellows and fined \$7.50.

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FRANKFORD "L" DELAY BLAMED ON MAYOR

Business Men Aroused Over Suspension—Opening Not Expected for 18 Months

Transit Director Twining's explanation of the suspension of work on the Frankford elevated during the winter, coupled with his statement that the line to the Northeast will not be in operation for eighteen months or two years, has aroused the Frankford citizens.

The Frankford Business Men and Taxpayers' Association and the Frankford Board of Trade expressed their strong disapproval last night of the delay, and a joint committee of the two organizations was instructed to confer with Director Twining and if he cannot offer a remedy they will go to the Mayor.

John A. Quinn, of 4252 Roman street, in whose home the protest meeting was held last night, will head the committee. An effort was made to get an appointment with Director Twining today, but failing in this, the men arranged to meet upon his early next week.

The general feeling in the two organizations is that Mayor Smith, and not Director Twining, is responsible for the situation. As the statement from the transit head showed that the proposed agreement was for the operation of the line in the spring of the entire situation, the business men declare that Mayor Smith should have proceeded under the surface.

Not only has the delay, it is pointed out, postponed the ultimate operation of the Frankford "L," but likewise the cost to the city will be greater, both through increased interest and material costs and through the fact that the Transit Company's earnings, which are to be protected under the agreement, have increased considerably since the time the agreement was originally planned.

The committee from Frankford will demand prompt action, both to assure the operation of the "L" as soon as possible and also to safeguard the city's financial interests in the line.

SUFFRAGISTS ASK AID OF SENATOR PENROSE

Philadelphian Organization Calls Upon Him to Exert His Influence in Behalf of Federal Amendment

United States Senator Boies Penrose is asked to consider the enfranchisement of Pennsylvania women, as he is in considering the enfranchisement of southern negroes. In a letter sent to him today by the central committee of the Woman Suffrage party of Philadelphia, it is stated that the Senator is taken to task for the amendment he proposes to the corrupt practices act concerning the enfranchisement of negroes in the South whose right of suffrage has been abridged by special State legislation.

The letter reads in part: "Moreover, we feel that, as our representative from Pennsylvania in the United States Senate and as an avowed supporter of woman suffrage, you should recognize the paramount claims of the women of your State, who have waited and are still waiting for you to act with such force and effectiveness as you are well able to exercise."

Representing the Woman Suffrage party, Mrs. George A. Dunning, chairman of Philadelphia County branch, and Mrs. George A. Piersol, congressional chairman for Philadelphia, will leave for Washington tonight to help make the influence of suffragists felt when the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment comes before the House of Representatives.

TWO CATTLE THIEVES KILLED

A Third Captured in Arkansas Mountains by Sheriff's posse

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 16.—Two of three men discovered stealing cattle in Garland County Thursday and pursued into the mountains have been killed by a sheriff's posse and the third captured, according to word received here today. The dead men have been identified as Hamp Spark, twenty-one years old, and George Bailey, twenty-five. The prisoner is David Short, eighteen years old.

SAVES HUSBAND FROM BULL

Woman Drives Away Enraged Animal With Axe—Man Knocked Down

HANOVER, Pa., Dec. 16.—Mrs. William D. Scott saved the life of her husband when he was attacked by an enraged bull. Mr. Scott was leading the animal with a rope when it savagely attacked him, knocking him down. It was trampling and goring him, when Mrs. Scott appeared, armed with a two-bit ax and drove the bull away.

Scalds Fatal to Woman

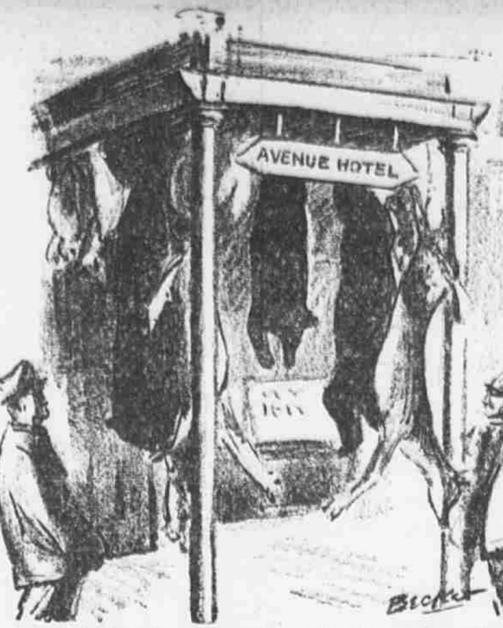
ALLENSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 16.—Scalded as she was lifting a boiler of hot water from the stove, Mrs. Margaret Stewart, sixty-two years old, of North Catawauqua, is dead here.

Try Our Sunday Dollar Dinner

The high cost of living and the weak-end rest are two things that are troubling the entire family here tomorrow. Special Menu **THE NEW HOTEL HANOVER** Twelfth and Arch Sts. (Entrance on 12th St.) CLAUDE M. MOORE, Prop.

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PLENTY OF GAME FOR CHRISTMAS



Gourmands who enjoy a bear or deer steak will have a happy Christmas, game being more plentiful than for several years past. At the Avenue Hotel, on North Delaware avenue, there is a noteworthy display, including three bears, several buck and doe deer, wild geese and ducks, rabbits, coons and possums. Among the lucky sportsmen who contributed were Thomas Littlehale, C. A. Tygert, John H. Irvin, Chr. Arnold, John Zellner, Len Pfeiffer, W. H. Boardman, Charles J. Meier and William J. Sheehan.

IL KAISER OFFRIREBBE LA PACE ALL'ITALIA

Fallito il Tentativo in Russia, La Germania, Si Dice, Si Rivolgerebbe a Roma

ROMA, 16 Dicembre. La Russia si è dichiarata contro le proposte di pace fatte dalla Germania. La Duma ha votato unanimemente in favore della continuazione della guerra sino al conseguimento della vittoria, e perciò le speranze che il Kaiser nutiva ancora una volta di vedere accettata la sua proposta dal governo degli zar sono svanite. Si dice ora che la Germania si prepara a sondare il terreno in Italia nella speranza di indurre il governo italiano, mediante concessioni, forse anche concessioni di grande importanza, ad accettare le proposte tedesche. Un telegramma da Londra dice di questo programma della Germania, ma aggiunge che nei circoli ufficiali londinesi prevale assoluta fiducia nella lealtà dell'Italia. Il governo italiano rimarrà perfettamente fedele al patto di Londra, e la nazione italiana del resto ha tanto interesse quanto ne hanno le altre potenze dell'Intesa a non lasciare che la Germania conservi sia pure la parzenza di un'illusoria predominanza nell'Europa.

IL SENIO DI MILANO SCRIVE A PROPOSITO DELLE OFFERTE TEDESCHE

"Per la prima volta nella storia abbiamo lo spettacolo di un gruppo di potenze che al rifiuto vittorioso offrono consistentemente la pace a quelli che esso cerca di far credere essere battuti senza speranza di vittoria. Questo è un segno che la vantata vittoria non è di tal genere da lanciare grandi speranze per l'avvenire né gli alleati persevereranno nella lotta con rinnovata energia. Mentre la Germania parla di rispetto per il libero sviluppo delle nazioni, essa riduce alla schiavitù il Belgio e la Polonia e consegna la Penisola Balcanica al condominio di ungheresi, bulgari e turchi. Se queste fossero le condizioni della pace e fossero messe sulla carta, esse provocherebbero il disprezzo delle nazioni neutrali ed i suffocanti effetti che la diplomazia imperiale si sforza di conseguire, cioè di giustificare agli occhi della sua popolazione l'inevitabile continuazione della guerra e di indebolire la resistenza dei suoi nemici offrendo nuovi pretesti ad agitazioni pacifiste che finora, nonostante le non'abili suggestioni, non hanno avuto alcuna importanza. Che nei circoli italiani si sia contrari alla conclusione della pace prima del conseguimento della vittoria, è un fatto innegabile. L'opinione pubblica italiana ritiene che le proposte di pace fatte dalla Germania non siano altro che una sottile manovra per creare una situazione di debolezza nei paesi dell'Intesa e far diminuire la produttività delle munizioni che dipendono in massima parte dall'appoggio che le popolazioni danno ai governi ed agli eserciti. Inoltre la Germania si sarebbe proposta di minare il morale delle truppe alleate che si trovano ora di fronte alle sue armate."

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PUBLISHERS OPEN FIGHT ON HOUSE POSTAGE BILL

Oppose Zone System of Rates Increasing Cost 200 to 600 Per Cent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Publishing houses throughout the country today began their fight against passage of the bill favorably reported from the House Post-office Committee, which would provide for increasing the postage on second-class mail matter destined for points 300 miles or more distant from the mailing point. All newspapers and periodicals would be included.

The publication interests declare the change from a flat rate of one cent a pound for newspapers and magazines to a graduated scale based upon a zone system means the cost of magazines must be advanced.

Under the proposed measure the rate on magazines and other publications would range from one cent a pound within the first zone of 300 miles, to six cents a pound for the eighth zone, with a radius of 1800 miles.

Newspapers would feel the change to a less degree, but magazines of nationwide circulation would face a postage increase of from 200 to 600 per cent, it was pointed out. The opponents to the measure contend publishers will have no recourse but to boost prices.

No opposition is expected from any quarter to the reduction in local letter postage from two cents to one cent.

CHILDREN PRAY FOR SERGEANT

Adults Also Anxious for Recovery of Preaching Park Guard

The seventy-four-year-old "Preacher Sergeant of Fairmount Park," Charles Albany, who is seriously ill at his home, 435 Martin street, Foxborough, is being prayed for by hundreds of children and friends who learned to know him during his forty-three years' service as a guard in the Park. He became ill last Tuesday at Sedgley Guard House, where he was on duty, and his condition is said to be serious.

Sergeant Albany received his title as the "Preaching Sergeant" from his practice of visiting churches and Sunday schools near the Park every Sunday and delivering semi-religious talks. On their visits to the Park he took delight in explaining to the children the secrets of plant and animal life.

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STATE DEMOCRATS JOIN IN VOTE PROBE PLAN

Will Act With City Committee in Petition to Congress to Investigate Frauds

The Democratic city committee has received assurance that the Democratic State committee will join it in a petition to Congress for a thorough Federal investigation of the alleged election frauds in Philadelphia at the last election. Plans for the amalgamated action of the two committees will be discussed at a meeting of the Democratic members of the Legislature in Harrisburg today.

The offer of assistance from the State committee was received with open arms by members of the local committee, who immediately appointed a subcommittee of the special investigation committee to take the matter up with Acting State Chairman Joseph E. Guffy.

Members of the subcommittee are Democratic State Chairman Edgar W. Lank, ex-State Chairman Roland S. Morris, and Joseph K. Willing, of the Forty-second Ward.

The conference on the proposed action will be taken up at the Harrisburg meeting today, at which Guffy, National Democratic Chairman McCormick, National Committeeman A. Mitchell Palmer and the thirty-seven Assemblymen-elect and the ten Democratic State Senators-elect all are expected to be present.

The Harrisburg meeting will not be a caucus, but a conference over what course Democrats should pursue at the coming session of the Legislature. The speakership situation also will be outlined.

FIRE MARSHAL WARNS HOLIDAY CELEBRATORS

Storekeepers Also Urged to Vigilance Against Candles and Cotton "Snow"

Safeguards against fires during the Christmas holidays are pointed out in a series of warnings to storekeepers and housekeepers of Philadelphia, issued today by George W. Elliott, fire marshal. These warnings, summarized, strongly urge against the use of lighted candles, cotton "snow" and other inflammables in or near Christmas trees, toys and decorations.

Defective wiring, danger from accumulated rubbish, especially paper boxes and wrappings, are alluded to as frequent causes of fire during the Christmas period, both in homes and in business places.

Marshal Elliott asks pastors to warn their congregations against the practice, which he declares obsolete, of placing lighted candles in windows. The use of lighted candles in Christmas celebrations, the marshal pronounces almost criminal.

Shopkeepers are advised to be on their guard against crowded aisles, blocking of exits, smoking in the stores, empty fire buckets and laxity of employees.

"Do not allow carelessness due to the rush of Christmas business," he says, "to wipe out the entire year's receipts, or the lives of customers or employes to be sacrificed."

"These warnings," he declares, "are issued as a result of experience extending over many years throughout every part of the country where disaster has followed Christmas celebrations."

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